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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

*A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --
(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.*

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Matthews, III et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,025,837).

Regarding claim 1, Matthews discloses an information handling system (Fig. 3) comprising a graphical user interface (GUI) (Fig. 5 for a GUI) in an operating environment, the GUI configured to provide at least one display (display in box 128) including information related to at least one channel, i.e., the display with information related to program "Seinfeld" of at least one channel NBC 6, wherein the display includes a prompt corresponding with at least one function related to the at least one channel, i.e., within the display either a prompt at More 140 or at "Last week; Comedy club" corresponding to the function of providing further information of the related channel (refer further on col. 9/line 55 to col. 10/line 13).

As for claims 2 and 3, Matthews teaches the system further includes a on-screen display that combines a graphic element with a broadcast streaming video (col. 6/lines 46-58 as video data streams are provided to the viewer from head end) and includes a current banner (Fig. 5, item 128 for current information) and a browse banner (Fig. 5, item 140 for banner providing a browse to other information, i.e., Hilter, A-bomb, Pearl harbor).

As for claim 4, Matthews discloses a tuner 98 operably coupled to the GUI, wherein the tuner is tunable to a plurality of channels including the at least one channel (Fig. 4 and col. 8/lines 21-35; and Fig. 5 for the display of channels 2, 4, 6 & 7).

As for claim 5, Matthews further discloses wherein the plurality of channels includes at least one event (Fig. 5 shows a program guide with more than one channel with each has a corresponding event, i.e., a broadcasting program at certain time).

As for claim 6, Matthews further teaches comprising a convergence system operably coupled thereto (Fig. 3 shows a convergence system because it combines different sources and provides the combined content to the viewer at the terminal monitor device, see col. 7/line 43 to col. 8/line 20).

As for claims 7-12, 13-16, and 17-20, these claims for a medium having executable instructions stored thereon for execution on a suitably equipped electronic system, a system and a corresponding method, respectively, with similar features as addressed earlier are rejected for the reason given in the scope of claims 1-6, not limited to the cited paragraphs but also to the entire disclosure and teaching of Matthews' reference.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Abecassis, Schein et al, Klosterman et al., and White (PTO-892 attached) disclose systems related to GUI and technique of browsing.

4. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krista Kieu-Oanh Bui whose telephone number is (571) 272-7291. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller, can be reached at (571) 272-7353.

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